Plan for Good Governance

1655. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a plan panel compendium on good governance as reported in the "Financial Express" dated the 17th December, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof.

(c) what are the priority areas in the plan and how far it would help the States to streamline their working; and

(d) how far it would help to control BPL and the poor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (d) Planning Commission have prepared a compendium entitled "Successful Governance Initiatives and Best Practices-Experiences from Indian States". The compendium highlights models of effective implementation and delivery of public services in the Government sector, covering the priority areas of social services, land and water management and areas of major public interface with the Government, and documents success stories for sharing both at the national level as well as between State Governments. The objective of bringing out the compendium was to provide information on better implementation practices that have worked well in States, and thereby help States that so desire to replicate these initiatives, streamline their working and strengthen their poverty reduction efforts.

National Population Control fund

†1656. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an announcement had been made by the Prime Minister in July, 2000 to establish a National Population Control fund with rupees 100 crores;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said fund has not been established so far after a lapse of a period of two and a half year;

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(c) whether internal conflict between the Population Commission and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is the reason behind it; and

(d) if so, the reasons for non existence of coordination between both the Ministries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (d) At the first Conference of the National Commission on Population in July, 2000, the Prime Minister has announced the intention of the Government to set up a National Population Stabilization Fund. After considering the various issues relating to the location and constitution of the Fund, it has been decided that the same will be located in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is taking the necessary steps to set up the National Population Stabilization Fund.

Programme for BPL people

†1657. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any new programme for people living Below Poverty Line in various State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken so far by Government for providing education, health care facilities and food to poor people living Below Poverty Line in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the on-going Poverty Alleviation Programmes are being continued in the Tenth Plan, with modifications in the scope and content of these programmes.

(c) In the Tenth Plan the monitorable targets include all children in school by 2003 and all children to complete 5 years of schooling by 2007. Various incentives are being provided to students belonging to SCs/STs and OBCs for increasing their participation in education. These include construction of hostels for SC/ST boys and girls, Ashram Schools for STs, coaching/tuition facilities, book banks and merit scholarships.

The Government is committed to provide essential primary health care, emergency life saving services, services under the National disease

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